

Rombough, Kyrik

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Sent: Friday, November 14, 2008 7:15 AM
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Subject: FW: Attn: Hyperion Air Permit

Hyperion comment.

Kim

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From: bighillranch [mailto:bighillranch@iw.net]
Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2008 8:24 PM
To: DENR INTERNET INFORMATION
Subject: Attn: Hyperion Air Permit

Dear Sirs;

My grandparents owned the first homestead in the Dakota Territory. This land is 3 miles from the proposed site of the Hyperion Refinery and my own farm is close enough that I can throw a softball from my front porch and hit their property. Where is the 2 mile buffer that they did promise? Do we want to save this land to feed the future generations or do we want to ruin it for a lousy gallon of oil? Once this land and air is destroyed it can never be replaced.

Hyperion needs to present an EIS. The people in this county have the right to know exactly what and how much pollution will be spilled into their air and water if this refinery is built. Where will the pipelines run and the rail lines? Please do not let them into our state unless you are given proof that our life styles will not be damaged.

I am a farmer and must travel with my machinery from farm to farm on the very roads that Hyperion wants to close and on the roads that will be travels by large trucks that are not here now. Where is the safety that we farmers will need. Not only are our lives at risk from the air that we will be forced to breathe, but we will be putting our lives into the hands of the new traffic that will travel our roads, every time we leave home. Part of my farming operation consists of raising drug free cattle. How drug free will they be when they have to cross the Brule Creek to get to pasture... the very same creek that rain and snow run-off from the refinery would flow into? Will any of us ever be able to fish in this creek again? Will it be safe for my grandchildren to wade in ?

We are going on nearly 3 years trying to save the good air, the excellent life that we had and our safe enviroment. just because some people think that they will profit from our loss. They were given inaccurate information and convinced that life here needed to be improved.. that we farmers did not make enough money and that money makes a persons life better. I would have to differ with that thinking. Look at the trouble just the thought of money has caused this county. Our lives were peaceful and we had all we needed. The unemployment rate was very low and the people that wanted the refinery the most, moved here because they thought Union County was a better place to live than where they came from.

You know very well that there will be major amounts of air pollution from this refinery. I am asking you to please put a stop to it now. We are all South Dakotans and love this land. Lets not let someone from Texas come here and take advantage of the wonderful parts of our lives so that they can fill their pockets.

Sincerely

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